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PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,

June 21, 1975

As provided under the provisions of Section 14, Article IV, Constitution of the State of Texas, I disapprove of SB 664, passed by the 64th Legislature, Regular Session, 1975, and hereby file such Bill with the Secretary of State, State of Texas, setting forth the following objections:

1. The Texas Water Quality Board, whose responsibility it is to administer the Texas Water Quality Act (Chapter 21 of the Texas Water Code), is created on the basis that three members of the general public appointed by the Governor and the executive heads of four state departments shall meet and shall jointly carry out the policies of the state as contained in the Act. The executive heads of the four state agencies (the chairman of the Railroad Commission, the commissioner of health, the executive director of the Texas Water Development Board, and the executive director of the Parks and Wildlife Department) serve on the Texas Water Quality Board in order to provide for the effective coordination of state effort and mutual cooperation in protecting the waters of the state. I firmly believe that the Texas Water Quality Act has always contemplated that all members of the Board shall jointly, and not severally or singly, carry out the provisions of the Act. Senate Bill 664 would directly negate this foundation and disperse from the Board its ability and in fact, its requirement, to act as a body in matters pertaining to the enforcement of the Water Quality Act.

2. Further, it is my belief that any disapproval and veto of S.B. 664 will continue to insure that every contemplation of action under Section 21.254(b) of the Water Code will continue to incorporate contributions from local experience through participation by the appropriate county attorney or district attorney.

S.B. 664 was received in the Governor's Office less than ten (10) days prior to the adjournment of the Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Legislature and in accordance with Section 14, Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas, the Bill, together with this Proclamation, is filed with the Secretary of State, State of Texas.